

BREAUX AMENDMENT NO. 1794

Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. BREAUX) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

Section 4(a) of the Act of August 9, 1950 (16 U.S.C. 777c(a)), is amended in the second sentence by striking of "1999" and inserting "2000".

CHAFEE (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1795

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ROTH, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. GRAMS) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 78, line 20, strike "\$1,885,000,000" and insert "\$1,897,000,000".

On page 78, line 21, before the colon, insert the following: "and of which not less than \$12,000,000 shall be derived from pro rata transfers of amounts made available under each other heading under the heading "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY" and shall be available for the Montreal Protocol Fund".

GRAMM AMENDMENT NO. 1796

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. GRAMM) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 45, line 9, strike "\$16,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof, "\$19,493,000".

DODD (AND BENNETT)
AMENDMENT NO. 1797

Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. BENNETT)) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place under the heading Federal Emergency Management Agency, insert: "For expenses related to Year 2000 conversion costs for counties and local governments, \$100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2001: *Provided*, That the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall carry out a Year 2000 conversion local government emergency grant and loan program for the purpose of providing emergency funds through grants or loans of not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each county and local government that is facing Year 2000 conversion failures after January 1, 2000 that could adversely affect public health and safety: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available to a county or local government under this provision, 50 percent shall be a grant and 50 percent shall be a loan which shall be repaid to the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the prime rate within five years of the loan: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided under this heading may be transferred to any county or local government until fifteen days after the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency has submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, the House Committee on Science, and the House Committee on Government Reform a proposed allocation and plan for that county or local government to achieve Year 2000 compliance for systems directly related to public health and safety programs: *Provided further*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request that includes

designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided under the heading "Funds Appropriated to the President" in Title III of Division B of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277), \$100,000,000 are rescinded".

BOND (AND LAUTENBERG)
AMENDMENT NO. 1798

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG)) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 113, line 14, strike out "in any way tends" and insert in lieu thereof: "is designed".

BOND AMENDMENT NO. 1799

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BOND) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 44, insert before the period on line 10 the following: "Provided further, That the Secretary may not reduce the staffing level at any Department of Housing and Urban Development state or local office".

HUTCHISON AMENDMENT NO. 1800

Mr. STEVENS (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROMULGATION OF STORMWATER REGULATIONS.

(a) STORMWATER REGULATIONS.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall not promulgate the Phase II stormwater regulations described in subsection (a) until the Administrator submits to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report containing—

(1) an in-depth impact analysis on the effect the final regulations will have on urban, suburban, and rural local governments subject to the regulations, including an estimate of—

(A) the costs of complying with the 6 minimum control measures described in the regulations; and

(B) the costs resulting from the lowering of the construction threshold from 5 acres to 1 acre;

(2) an explanation of the rationale of the Administrator for lowering the construction site threshold from 5 acres to 1 acre, including—

(A) an explanation, in light of recent court decisions, of why a 1-acre measure is any less arbitrarily determined than a 5-acre measure; and

(B) all qualitative information used in determining an acre threshold for a construction site;

(3) documentation demonstrating that stormwater runoff is generally a problem in communities with populations of 50,000 to 100,000 (including an explanation of why the coverage of the regulation is based on a census-determined population instead of a water quality threshold);

(4) information that supports the position of the Administrator that the Phase II

stormwater program should be administered as part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System under section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342); and

(b) PHASE I REGULATIONS.—No later than 120 days after enactment of this Act, the Environmental Protection Agency shall submit to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee a report containing—

(1) a detailed explanation of the impact, if any, that the Phase I program has had in improving water quality in the United States (including a description of specific measures that have been successful and those that have been unsuccessful).

(c) FEDERAL REGISTER.—The reports described in subsections (a) and (b) shall be published in the Federal Register for public comment.

COVERDELL AMENDMENT NO. 1801

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. COVERDELL) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 38, line three, insert before the period the following: "Provided further, That no amounts made available to provide housing assistance with respect to the purchase of any single family real property owned by the Secretary or the Federal Housing Administration may discriminate between public and private elementary and secondary school teachers";

On page 40, line two, insert before the period the following: "Provided further, That no amounts made available to provide housing assistance with respect to the purchase of any single family real property owned by the Secretary or the Federal Housing Administration may discriminate between public and private elementary and secondary school teachers".

CRAIG AMENDMENT NO. 1802

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. CRAIG) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 113, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

SEC. 4 . PESTICIDE TOLERANCE FEES.

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to promulgate a final regulation to implement changes in the payment of pesticide tolerance processing fees as proposed at 64 Fed. Reg. 31040, or any similar proposals. The Environmental Protection Agency may proceed with the development of such a rule.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the Immigration Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a markup on Friday, September 24, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT WHISTLEBLOWERS

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise to warn the Senate of intensifying harassment against government whistleblowers. This trend threatens Congress'